

REMARKS

Claims 5, 8-10, and 18-22 are pending in the application. Claims 5 and 18 have been amended. New claims 23-31 have been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the amendments and the following remarks.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §103

The Office Action rejected claims 18-22 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith (US Patent 6,604,104) in view of Grovit (Pub. No. US 2003/0074310B1). Claim 18 has been amended to specify that the step of transmitting is done “via the Internet using HTTP, and MQSeries Internet Passthrough, and through the firewalls at each end of the Internet.” Support is found at paragraph [0026] of the Specification as published in Pub. No. 2005/0102500. In addition, claim 18 was amended to require that the HTTPS protocol be used to encrypt the data to be transmitted. Support is found at paragraph [0025] of the Specification as published in Pub. No. 2005/0102500. In Smith there is no such security of data, no encryption of data, and no internet or firewall traversed. Grovit does not teach or suggest the foregoing either.

Claim 19 is dependent on claim 18 and is therefore not unpatentable over Smith in view of Grovit for at least the same reasons that claim 18 is not unpatentable.

The Office Action rejected claims 5 and 8-10 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Feldbaum (USP 6,446,206) in view of Smith and further in view of Perry (Pub. No. 2003/0220768).

Independent claim 5 was amended to require transmission via the Internet using HTTP,

and MQSeries Internet Passthrough, and through the firewalls at each end of the Internet and to encrypt the message to be sent using Hyper-Text Transport Protocol Secure (HTTPS) protocol. Support is found at paragraph [0026] of the Specification as published in Pub. No. 2005/0102500. Neither Feldbaum nor Smith teach or suggest the use of such security as claimed.

Claims 6-10 are dependent on claim 5 and are patentable for at least the same reasons that claim 5 is patentable.

New claims 23-25 are system claims comprising limitations that are equivalent to those discussed above. New claims 26-31 are article of manufacture claims comprising limitations that are equivalent to those discussed above.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, including any petition for extension of time fees under §1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,

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